



# Information on the patient survey before and after your spinal surgery

#### Dear patient

You will soon be having an operation on your spine. We wish you all the best and the fastest possible recovery.

In the international spine register Spine Tango, we as a clinic carry out a quality measurement for operations on the spine.

## Why are we asking you to complete the survey?

All patients undergoing spinal surgery are invited to take part in the survey. The results of the survey will serve as a basis for improving the quality of treatment in the future.

## What does this mean for you?

You will be asked about your state of health and satisfaction <u>shortly before and 3 and 12 months</u> <u>after</u> the operation.

The questionnaire will be sent to you electronically. You will receive the link to your email address and/or your mobile phone number. You can fill out this questionnaire at home using your smartphone, computer or tablet. If necessary, someone from your family or circle of friends can help you fill out the questionnaire. We ask you to answer this questionnaire truthfully. It will only take a few minutes of your time.

If you have not answered the questionnaire within one week of our electronic mailing, you will receive a reminder to your email address and/or mobile phone number.

The data on your health condition will be stored together with the data on your surgery in the international spine register Spine Tango. Only the clinic staff *[to be personalised]* who are responsible for you and two staff members of the registry for the purpose of IT technical support for you can see your data. For all other persons, your data will remain anonymous.

#### Important!

The survey is voluntary. You have already given your written consent to our clinic for the registration of your data in the international spine register Spine Tango. The data entered in the questionnaire will be evaluated confidentially. If you do not wish to answer the questionnaire, you will not suffer any disadvantages. We are grateful for your cooperation, as this is the only way to identify and address opportunities for improvement.

In case of <u>technical problems with</u> the questionnaire, please write to <u>health\_servicedesk@necsws.com</u> and explain the problem. You can find further information on <u>our</u> <u>website</u>.

We wish you all the best for your health and look forward to your answers.

Your clinic / your attending physician [to be personalised].